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USING THE SAME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56 and 37 CFR § 1.97**

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued July 20, 2004 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

“Note

(For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

- (1) Claims: 1–10 and 12–17
Cited Literature: 1 and 2

Remarks

Cited Literature 1 describes, for example, in lines 43 to 49 in the right-hand column of page 5, a server 32 including, in general, an operating system 42 and a server-side customization program 44, wherein the server 32 is able to act as the proxy server described above and related to Figure 1, in which case, the proxy server includes the server-side customization program 44.

Furthermore, Cited Literature 1 describes, for example, in line 47 in the left-hand column of page 6 through line 27 on the right-hand column, a client 30 sending to a server 32 a request 50 for a network file, such as a web page, the server 32 obtaining the requested network file, and the server-side customization program 44 customizing the file according to user agent strings, corporate options, and personal options.

Furthermore, Cited Literature 1 describes, for example, in lines 17 to 21 on the left-hand column of page 7, the client setting desired corporate options and personal options to be sent to the server, and the changing thereof.

Furthermore, Cited Literature 1 describes, for example, in line 36 on the left-hand column of page 7 through line 30 in the right-hand column, as an example of corporate options, being able to set specific time periods within a day during which all graphics and other multimedia elements would be eliminated from web pages, and, as an example of personal options, being able to set the exclusion of some or all graphics images or other multimedia elements from web pages.

In a comparison of the inventions according to Claims 1 through 9 and the inventions according to Cited Literature 1, there is a difference in that, in the inventions according to Claims 1 through 9, the remaining free memory capacity in the client is monitored and notification of filtering conditions is provided by the client to the proxy server based on the monitoring results.

Let us examine the abovementioned point of difference.

Cited Literature 2 describes, for example, in line 5 of the left-hand block of page 8 through line 42 in the right-hand block, a portable terminal 100 sending remaining free disk capacity to a server 200, the server 200 comparing the size of the static image data to be transmitted to the remaining disk capacity on the terminal 100 side, and, if the remaining disk capacity is larger, sending the static image data to the terminal 100, but, if the remaining disk capacity is smaller, after performing a color depth reduction process and a resolution reduction process, sending the

static image data to the terminal 100 within the range of the remaining disk capacity.

Since the inventions described in both Cited Literature 1 and 2 are inventions relating to technologies wherein, when WWW data is obtained by a client from a server, the data obtained from the server is customized based on conditions, the application of the invention described in Cited Literature 2 to the invention described in Cited Literature 1 to arrive at a structure that establishes filtering conditions for a proxy server according to the amount of remaining free memory in a client is something that could easily be arrived at by one skilled in the art.

(2) Claims: 11 and 18
Cited Literature: 1-3

Remarks

A gateway server for a WAP is a well-known structure, such as in Cited Literature 3, and the application of this well-known structure to the invention described in Cited Literature 1 is something that could easily be arrived at by one skilled in the art.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-222277
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H10-243048
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-194612."

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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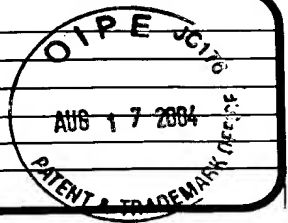
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